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MOSCOW PROPOSES RECRUITMENT OF A.V. VYSEL'SKIJ  
FOR WORK ON SK (1948)

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To EFIM[i].

Bearing in mind the curtailment in the use of ATHLETES[ATLETY][ii] on SK[iii], we consider it expedient to put into effect the recruitment[OTVOD][a] of Aleksej Vladimirovich VYSEL'SKIJ[iv] so that he can be used on SK. [C% Report your opinion] [2 groups unrecovered] recruitment[OTVOD]. Take steps for the immediate [B% implementation] of your No. 8[b].

No. 978 ✓

25th [March][c]

YUR'EV[v]

Notes: [a] In KGB conspiratorial language at this time 'OTVOD' meant 'recruitment'. This is not the dictionary meaning of the word.

[b] Not available. Also referred to in MOSCOW's No. 34 of 8th March 1948 (3/NBP/T524).

[c] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] EFIM: Semion Ivanovich MAKAROV; at the Soviet Legation/Embassy in CANBERRA from April 1943 to June 1949.

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Comments: [ii]. ATHLETES: ✓ Unidentified coverword.  
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[iii] SK: ✓ Abbreviation for SOVETSKAYA KOLONIYA (Soviet Colony).

SK work consists in watching and reporting to the MOSCOW centre on the conduct and political reliability of members of the staff of Soviet Embassies, Trade Delegations and Missions and of other Soviet citizens visiting or residing in a given country.

[iv] VYSEL'SKIJ: /Aleksoj Vladimirovich VYSEL'SKIJ: arrived in CANBERRA in January 1947. Prior to August 1948 he was listed by the Soviet Legation as Press Attaché but was then listed as 3rd Secretary. It is reported that he was promoted in June 1948.

[v] YUR'EV: ✓ Unidentified covername.

